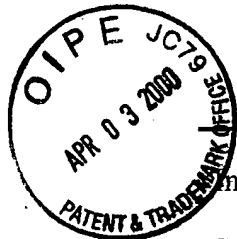


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's Communication and the "Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures" mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 2, 2000 (a copy of both is attached herewith).

Please preliminarily amend the above-referenced patent application as follows: